

REMARKS

The above-noted cancellation of claims 67, 69-76, and 78-93 is respectfully submitted in response to the official action dated July 21, 2008, without prejudice to the prosecution of these claims in a separate continuation application. This amendment thus leaves the following claims remaining in this case: claims 94-111, and 113-119, all of which have now been allowed. It is therefore clear that this application is in condition for allowance, and such action is therefore respectfully solicited.

Claims 67, 69-76, and 78-93 have been rejected as being unpatentable over *Miranda et al.* under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). While applicants do not believe that *Miranda et al.* obviates these claims, it is also apparent that, in view of the cancellation of these claims, this rejection has been rendered moot.

Claims 76 and 79-84 have been rejected as being unpatentable over *Wolter et al.* under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Once again, while applicants do not believe that *Wolter et al.* obviates these claims, in view of the cancellation of these claims herein, this rejection has also been rendered moot. Thus, since all of the remaining claims have now been allowed in this application, it is clearly in condition for allowance and issuance herein.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which she might have.

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Finally, if there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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